Payment of arrears to teachers of Senior Secondary School Rajouri Garden New Delhi

893. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some arrears arising out of the revised pay scales pertaining to teachers of Government Senior Secondary School, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi, for the period 1975—85 had been lying pending with the Directorate of Education, Delhi since 1987;

(b) if so, the number of such teachers who have not so far been paid the arrears and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the arrears are likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Payment of arrears arising out of the revised pay scales in respect of one teacher only is pending due to non-availability of 'Due and Drawn' Statement from the schools where he worked. Efforts are being made to pay him arrears shortly.

Theft of art objects from Museum and Art Galleries

894. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what according to the study, if any, is the percentage of rise|decline in the theft of art objects from the various museums and art galleries in the country during the last three years (Year-wise) stating the progressive percentage of rise in the estimated cost of the stolen art objects;

(b) what is the percentage of recovery of the stolen art objects;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to critically review the arrangements for the safety and protection of art objects in the museums and art galleries to remove the deficiencies, if any, identified; and

(d) whether any cases of involvement of the officials in the theft of art objects have come to light, if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) The relevant information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Ill effect of comic books and T.V. Serials

895. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rising trend in the comic book culture among the younger generation in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study|survey to know the psychological impact on the minds of the school going children and in developing juvenile tendencies with comic book culture and with the telecasting of comic serials on TV; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the manner in which Government propose to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) While government has not conducted a specific study of comics being published in the country and their effect on children but it is well known that many comics are popular among children. While all the comics are not good or attractive, some of the comics brought out by the Children's Book Trust and Amar Chitrakatha